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In the Matter of:	)	
GARY VEARL SANDERS, dba SANDERS BROKERAGE SERVICE,	)	No. 95-078
Respondent.	) )	CONSENT ORDER
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An Order Summarily Suspending Licenses and Notice of Hearing was issued by the Director ("Director") of the Department on April 21, 1995, wherein the Department made certain allegations of violations of A.R.S. Title 20 committed by Respondent. On or about May 3, 1995, an Amended Notice of Hearing Upon Summary Suspension of Licenses was issued by the Director of the Department. Respondent has been advised of his rights to a hearing in this matter, which he waives.

Respondent admits the following Findings of Fact are true and consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Gary Vearl Sanders ("Sanders") is presently, and was at all times material to this Notice, licensed as a resident life and disability insurance agent, property and casualty broker and surplus lines broker holding license number 435657. At all times material, Sanders was doing business as Sanders Brokerage Services.

## COUNT I

- 2. On or about June 24, 1994, Golseth and Gregson Insurance Agency ("G & G") received an application for insurance from Lohmans Automotive ("Lohmans") for an insurance policy for underground storage tanks located on their property.
- 3. On or about August 16, 1994, G & G obtained a quote from Sanders Brokerage Services for coverage of the underground storage tanks through the brokerage of Sedgwick James of Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Sedgwick") in the amount of \$1,612.50.
- 4. On or about August 25, 1994, G & G forwarded Lohmans' insurance application and a G & G check in the amount of \$1,612.50 to Sanders for insurance coverage for the underground storage tanks through Sedgwick.
- 5. Sanders failed to forward Lohmans application and premium to Sedgwick.
- 6. To date, Sanders has failed to return Lohmans' premium.

#### COUNT II

- 7. On or about March 23, 1994, G & G received an application for insurance from Pantano Exxon ("Pantano") for an insurance policy for underground storage tanks located on their property.
- 8. On or about April 5, 1994, G & G obtained a quote from Sanders Brokerage Services for coverage of the underground storage tanks through Sedgwick in the amount of \$1,800.00.

9. On or about August 26, 1994, G & G forwarded Pantano's insurance application and a down payment, paid by G & G check in the amount of \$675.00, to Sanders for insurance coverage for the underground storage tanks through Sedgwick.

- 10. On or about September 21, 1994, G & G forwarded, by G & G check, the balance of the premium due in the amount of \$937.50 to Sanders.
- 11. Sanders failed to forward Pantano's application and premium to Sedgwick.
- 12. To date, Sanders has failed to return Pantano's premium.

#### COUNT III

- 13. On or about March 10, 1994, Hilb Rogal & Hamilton ("HRH") received an application for insurance from Tuba City High School Board ("Tuba City") for an insurance policy for underground storage tanks located on their property.
- 14. On or about June 30, 1994, HRH obtained a quote from Sanders Brokerage Services for coverage of the underground storage tanks through Sedgwick in the amount of \$4,837.50.
- 15. On or about July 15, 1994, HRH forwarded Tuba City's insurance application and a HRH check in the amount of \$4,837.50 to Sanders for insurance coverage for the underground storage tanks through Sedgwick.
- 16. Sanders forwarded Tuba City's application to Sedgwick.
  - 17. Sedgwick subsequently issued Tuba City policy

number UST6064590. That policy was ultimately cancelled for nonpayment of premium.

- 18. Sanders failed to forward HRH's premium to Sedgwick.
- 19. To date, Sanders has failed to return Tuba City's premium.

### COUNT IV

- 20. On or about April 27, 1994, Policy Writers
  Insurance Agency ("Policy Writers") received an application for insurance from Apache Sands Automotive ("Apache") for an insurance policy for underground storage tanks located on their property.
- 21. Policy Writers obtained a quote from Sanders Brokerage Services for coverage of the underground storage tanks through Sedgwick in the amount of \$7,019.37.
- 22. On or about August 18, 1994, Policy Writers forwarded Apache's insurance application and a Policy Writers' check in the amount of \$7,019.37 to Sanders for insurance coverage for the underground storage tanks through Sedgwick.
- 23. Sanders failed to forwarded Apache's application and premium to Sedgwick.
- 24. To date, Sanders has failed to return Apache's premium.

#### Count V

25. On or about July 1994, Acordia of Arizona ("Acordia") obtained a quote from Respondent on behalf of Lake

Havasu Marina ("Marina") for an insurance policy for underground storage tanks located on their property.

- 26. Acordia obtained a quote from Sanders Brokerage Services for coverage of the underground storage tanks in the amount of \$5,845.25.
- 27. Sanders failed to forwarded Marina's application and premium to the insurer.
- 28. To date, Sanders has failed to return Marina's premium.

### COUNT VI

- 29. On or about January 20, 1995, Sanders appeared at the Department pursuant to a Subpoena to provide a statement under oath regarding the complaints described above.
- 30. During the statement under oath, Sanders failed to account for the applications and/or premium funds described in Counts I through IV above.
- 31. Subsequently, the Department ordered Sanders to produce his bank account numbers by January 25, 1995. Sanders failed to produce the bank account numbers as ordered.
- 32. On or about February 1, 1995, the Department issued a Subpoena for the production of the bank account numbers and ordered Sanders to provide the information to the Department by February 19, 1995. To date, Sanders has failed to produce the requested information.

## COUNT VII

33. On or about March 16, 1995, the Colorado

Department of Insurance issued a Cease and Desist Order against Sanders Brokerage Services, Gary Sanders and others for the marketing and sale of unauthorized workers compensation insurance products which constituted the unauthorized transaction of insurance in Colorado, in violation of §§ 10-3-105 and 10-3-903, C.R.S. (1994).

COUNT VIII

34. On or before March 1, 1995, Sanders was required to file an annual statement reflecting all surplus line insurance transacted by him during the calendar year of 1994. Sanders failed to file an annual statement as required by A.R.S. § 20-415.

35. On or before March 1, 1994, Sanders was required to remit to the state treasurer, through the Director, a three percent (3%) tax on the premiums, exclusive of sums collected to cover federal and state taxes and examination fees, on surplus line insurance subject to tax transacted by him during the calendar year of 1994, as shown by his annual statement filed with the Director, pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-416 (the "surplus line tax").

36. Respondent knowingly failed to file the required surplus line broker's annual statement and remit the surplus line tax, as required by A.R.S. §§ 20-415 and 20-416.

#### COUNT IX

37. On or about June 3, 1988, a Notice of Hearing of Suspension or Revocation of Surplus Line Broker's License and

Fine (the "Notice") was filed <u>In the Matter of Gary V. Sanders</u>, Arizona Department of Insurance No. 6700. In the Notice, the Department alleged that Sanders failed to timely file his 1986 annual statement and remit his 1986 premium tax with the Director on or before March 2, 1987 as required by A.R.S. §§ 20-415 and 20-416.

38. On or about November 29, 1988, a hearing was held In the Matter of Gary V. Sanders, Arizona Department of Insurance No. 6700.

and Conclusions of Law filed by the Hearing Officer, In the Matter of Gary V. Sanders, Arizona Department of Insurance No. 6700. In the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Officer found that Sanders failed to timely file his 1986 annual statement and remit his 1986 premium tax with the Director on or before March 2, 1987. Subsequently, the Director ordered Sanders to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,740 and that his surplus lines license be suspended for a period of five continuous business days beginning January 23, 1989.

### COUNT X

40. On or about July 5, 1989 Sanders submitted proof of a surplus line broker bond, through State Surety Company, bond #1023154, ("bond") in favor of the State of Arizona, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

41. On or about July 5, 1990 the bond was cancelled

by State Surety Company.

42. Respondent failed to replace and maintain the bond in violation of A.R.S.  $\S$  20-411(C).

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. The above Findings of Fact constitute conclusions of law as applicable.
- 3. Sander's conduct described above constitutes a record of dishonesty in business or financial matters under A.R.S.  $\S$  20-290(B)(2).
- 4. Sanders' conduct described above constitutes the existence of any cause for which original issuance or any renewal of an insurance license could have been refused such that Sanders' licenses may be suspended or revoked under A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(1), together with 20-290(B)(2).
- 5. Sanders' conduct described above constitutes a wilful violation of, or wilful noncompliance with, any provision of A.R.S. Title 20 or any lawful rule, regulation or order of the Director, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(2).
- 6. Sanders' conduct alleged above constitutes misappropriation or conversion to his own use or illegal withholding of monies belonging to policyholders, insurers, beneficiaries or others and received in or during the conduct of business under the license or through its use, in violation of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(4).

- 7. Sanders has a record of suspension or revocation of an insurance license in any jurisdiction, in violation of A.R.S.  $\S$  20-316(A)(5).
- 8. Sanders' conduct described above constitutes a conduct of affairs under his license showing him to be incompetent or a source of injury and loss to the public or any insurer, in violation of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(7).
- 9. Sanders' failure to file the required surplus line broker's annual statement and remit the surplus line tax constitute violations of A.R.S. §§ 20-418 and 20-417.
- 10. Sanders' failure to replace and maintain a surplus lines broker bond constitutes a violation of A.R.S.  $\S$  20-411(C).

## ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. All insurance licenses held by Respondent shall be revoked upon the entry of this Consent Order.
- 2. Respondent shall deliver his original licenses to the licensing section of the Department within 5 days of entry of this order pursuant to A.R.S. 20-317(C).
- 3. Respondent shall be liable for restitution in the amounts and to the agencies set forth below. Respondent shall provide acceptable proof of payment of the restitution to the Department within 60 days of entry of this consent order.

1	b. Hilb Rogal & Hamilton \$3,225.00		
3	d. Acordia of Arigons 7,019.37		
4	TOTAL \$20,927.12		
5	4. Respondent shall remit surplus line tax to the		
6	Department in the amount of \$23,786.36 for surplus line		
7	insurance transacted by him during the calendar year of 1994.		
8	5. The hearing set for August 2, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.		
9	is vacated by entry of this order.		
10	DATED this 22nd day of August , 1995		
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12	CHRIS HERSTAM, Director		
13	Arizona Department of Insurance		
14	CONSENT TO ORDER		
15	1. The undersigned acknowledges that he has read the		
16	foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order and is		
17	aware of his right to an administrative hearing in these		
18	matters and waives same.		
19	2. The undersigned admits the jurisdiction of the		
20	Department and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and		
21	consents to the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.		
22	3. The undersigned states that no promises were made		
23	to him to induce him to enter into this Consent Order and		
24	declares that he has entered into this Consent Order		
25	voluntarily.		

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